

## IN THE CLAIMS

1 1. (original) A method comprising:

2 associating a command with an event at a first device;

3 communicating the command to a second device when the event occurs;

4 causing an action at the second device depending on the command, the

5 action comprising at least one of:

6 disabling an alert mechanism of the second device;

7 enabling the alert mechanism of the second device; and

8 modifying a setting of the alert mechanism of the second device;

9 and

10 if the alert mechanism of the second device is enabled, activating the alert

11 mechanism of the second device in response to an alert being required.

1 2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein activating the alert mechanism of the  
2 second device in response to the alert being required further comprises activating  
3 the alert mechanism in response to:

4 a specific internal event, detected by the second device;

5 a signal requesting the alert, sent from a third device to the second device;

6 and

7 the signal requesting the alert, sent from the first device to the second

8 device.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:

2 the event is a scheduled event on a stored schedule that is accessible by  
3 the first device; and

4 associating the command with the event further comprises associating the  
5 command with the scheduled event.

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1 4. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein determining when the event has  
2 occurred further comprises:

3 determining a clock time from a clock;

4 accessing the stored schedule; and

5 determining from the stored schedule whether the scheduled event is  
6 associated with the clock time.

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1 5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein associating the command with the event  
2 further comprises constructing the command depending on one or more of the  
3 clock time and the scheduled event.

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1 6. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein causing the action at the second device  
2 further comprises sending a signal requesting the alert to the second device.

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1 7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein:

2 the first device is a personal digital assistant;

3 the second device is a cellular telephone;

4 the alert mechanism of the second device comprises a ringer of the cellular  
5 telephone;

6 disabling the alert mechanism of the second device comprises muting the  
7 ringer of the cellular telephone; and

8 communicating the command comprises transmitting the command from  
9 the personal digital assistant to the cellular telephone, over a wireless network.

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1 8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein communicating with the second device  
2 further comprises broadcasting a message comprising the command by the first  
3 device.

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1 9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein communicating with the second device  
2 further comprises:

3 sending a polling message from the second device to the first device;  
4 receiving the polling message at the first device; and  
5 in response to the polling message, receiving a message comprising the  
6 command from the first device.

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1 10. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein communicating with the second device  
2 further comprises:

3 Sending a request message from the second device to the first device in  
4 response to an alert being required; and

5                   Receiving a message comprising the command from the first device at the  
6                   second device in response to the request message.

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1           11. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein modifying the setting of the alert  
2           mechanism comprises setting the intensity of the alert mechanism of the second  
3           device to a specific intensity level including a level corresponding to an  
4           imperceptible intensity.

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1           12. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the alert mechanism includes an  
2           audible alert, the intensity level of the audible alert is the volume of the audible  
3           alert, and the level corresponding to an imperceptible intensity level is a mute  
4           level.

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1           13. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the alert mechanism includes an  
2           illuminating alert, the intensity level of the illuminating alert is the brightness of  
3           the illuminating alert, and the level corresponding to an imperceptible intensity  
4           level is darkness.

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1           14. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein modifying the setting of the alert  
2           mechanism comprises selecting one or more of a plurality of alternative modes of  
3           the alert mechanism of the second device.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein selecting one or more of the plurality  
2 of alternative modes further comprises selecting one or more of:

- 3 an audible alert mode;
- 4 a tactile vibration alert mode; and
- 5 an illuminating alert mode.

1 16. (original) An apparatus comprising:

2 a first device to associate a command with an event and to transmit a  
3 message comprising the command;

4 a second device to receive the message and to perform an action  
5 depending on the command; and

6 an alert mechanism of the second device with one or more of

7 a capability to be enabled in response to the command;

8 a capability to be disabled in response to the command; and

9 a setting, modifiable in response to the command,

10 wherein the alert mechanism, if the alert mechanism is enabled, is capable of  
11 being activated in response to an alert being required.

1 17. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the alert mechanism of the second  
2 device may be activated, if the alert mechanism is enabled, in response to one or  
3 more of:

4 a specific event detected by the second device;

5 a signal requesting activation of the alert mechanism, sent from a third

6 device; and  
7 the signal requesting activation of the alert mechanism, sent from the first  
8 device.

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1 18. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising:  
2 a storage component accessible by the first device, to store a schedule,  
3 wherein the event further comprises a scheduled event stored in the schedule; and  
4 a clock to provide a clock time to one or more of the first device and the  
5 second device.

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1 19. (original) The alert mechanism of claim 16 wherein the setting comprises an  
2 adjustable intensity level that may be set to one of many specific levels including  
3 an imperceptible level;

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1 20. (original) The alert mechanism of claim 19 wherein the alert mechanism  
2 comprises an audible alert, the intensity level of the alert mechanism is the  
3 volume of the audible alert, and the level corresponding to an imperceptible  
4 intensity level is a mute level.

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1 21. (original) The alert mechanism of claim 19 wherein the alert mechanism  
2 comprises an illuminating alert, the intensity level of the alert mechanism is the  
3 brightness of the illuminating alert, and the level corresponding to an  
4 imperceptible intensity level is darkness.

1 22. (original) The alert mechanism of claim 16 wherein the setting comprises a  
2 selection of one or more of a plurality of alternative modes of the alert  
3 mechanism.

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1 23. (original) The alert mechanism of claim 22 wherein the selection of one or more  
2 of the plurality of alternative modes further comprises the selection of one or  
3 more of:

4 an audible alert mode;  
5 a tactile alert mode; and  
6 an illuminating alert mode.

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1 24. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the first device and the second  
2 device are physically integrated into a single unit.

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1 25. (original) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein:  
2 the first device is a personal digital assistant;  
3 the second device is a cellular telephone;  
4 the alert mechanism is a ringer of the cellular telephone.

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1 26. (original) A machine accessible medium on which is stored data that when  
2 accessed by a machine causes it to perform the method of claim 1.

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1 27. (original) A machine accessible medium on which is stored data that when  
2 accessed by a machine causes it to perform the method of claim 5.

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1 28. (original) A machine accessible medium on which is stored data that when  
2 accessed by a machine causes it to perform the method of claim 7.

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